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	Plaintiff,)	
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JOHN G. PAPPAS, and VITRACOAT AMERICA, IN	IC.,) of twelve (12) persor))	15.
	Defendants.	Ć	· 2821
	COMPLA	INT AT LAW	

NOW COMES the Plaintiff, DALE D. WHITE, by and through his attorney, Mark Asserby, and for his Complaint against the Defendant, JOHN G. PAPPAS, hereby avers and alleges

COUNT I

NEGLIGENCE-DEFENDANT PAPPAS

1. At all times relevant hereto, Plaintiff was and is a resident of Winnebago County, in the

- 2. At all times relevant hereto, Defendant Pappas was and is a resident of the City of Aurora, in the County of DuPage, in the State of Illinois and Defendant VITRACOAT AMERICA, INC. was and is a Delaware Corporation with its principal place of business located in Elkhart, Indiana, and on information and belief doing business in the State of Illinois.
- 3. At all times relevant hereto, on information and belief the Defendant PAPPAS was in the

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- employ of Defendant VITRACOAT AMERICA, INC., and was operating his company vehicle in the scope of his employment with VITRACOAT AMERICA, INC.
- At all times relevant hereto, the intersection of I-290 Westbound and Austin Boulevard.
 lies in the City of Chicago, County of Cook, in the State of Illinois.
- 5. Jurisdiction and venue is proper in Cook County, Illinois, as this action involves a motor vehicle accident which occurred in Cook County, Illinois.
- 6. On August 24, 2019, at approximately 6:10 a.m., Plaintiff was operating his 2006 Harley Davidson FXDB Westbound on I-290 in the center lane of Westbound traffic approaching the intersection of Austin Boulevard.
- 7. On August 24, 2019, at approximately 6:10 a.m., Defendant PAPPAS was operating his motor vehicle, a 2018 Ford Edge owned on information and belief by Defendant VITRACOAT AMERICA, INC., and was, on information and belief a company vehicle used by Defendant PAPPAS who was an employee of the Defendant operating said vehicle in the scope of his employment with Defendant VITRACOAT AMERICA, INC.
- 8. At approximately 6:10 a.m. on August 24, 2019, Defendant PAPPAS was driving the 2018 Ford Edge on Westbound I-290 near the intersection of Austin Boulevard, in the Southernmost lane of Westbound I-290 traffic, immediately to the left and a short distance behind the Plaintiff.
- 9. At all times relevant hereto Plaintiff was operating his vehicle with ordinary care and in a manner free from negligence.
- 10. As Plaintiff approached the intersection of I-290 and Austin Boulevard, Defendant PAPPAS approached Plaintiff and passed by him on Plaintiff's left then immediately

executed a lane change from the southernmost westbound lane of traffic into the Plaintiff's lane of traffic right in front of the Plaintiff, then immediately and forcefully applied his brakes, causing Plaintiff's motorcycle to run into the back end of Defendant's vehicle, and throwing Plaintiff from his vehicle into the air and onto the pavement of the roadway causing severe property damage and bodily injury.

- 11. At all times relevant hereto, Defendant PAPPAS owed to Plaintiff and all other motorists operating their vehicles in the vicinity a duty of ordinary care in the operation of his motor vehicle on the roadway, and a duty to operate his motor vehicle in a manner that was free from negligence.
- 12. Defendant PAPPAS then and there breached his duty of ordinary care owed to the Plaintiff in the following respects:
 - A. Defendant PAPPAS failed to keep a proper lookout for the Defendant's motorcycle and the vehicles traveling westbound in front of them before executing a lane change immediately in front of Plaintiff's vehicle;
 - B. Defendant PAPPAS operated his vehicle on the roadway at an excessive rate of speed given the traffic conditions at the time;
 - C. Defendant PAPPAS failed to wait to execute the lane change in front of Plaintiff's vehicle until it was safe to do so;
 - D. Defendant PAPPAS forcefully applied his brakes immediately following his lane change without regard for traffic behind him at the time, including Plaintiff;
 - E. Defendant PAPPAS failed to properly signal before executing his lane change;
 and

- F. Defendant PAPPAS was otherwise negligent in the operation of his motor vehicle.
- 13. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's failure to operate his vehicle with ordinary care and due to Defendant driving in a negligent manner, Plaintiff sustained severe and irreparable injuries to his person and property damage, and suffered both pecuniary losses as well as continuing and ongoing injuries to his person.
- 14. Plaintiff demands a trial by a jury of twelve (12) persons.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff, DALE D. WHITE, demands judgment against the Defendant, JOHN G. PAPPAS, in an amount in excess of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) plus costs of suit.

COUNT II

(RESPONDEAT SUPERIOR AS TO DEFENDANT VITRACOAT AMERICA, INC.)

NOW COMES the Plaintiff, DALE D. WHITE, by and through his attorney, Mark A.

Byrd, and for Count II of his Complaint against Defendant VITRACOAT AMERICA, INC., does hereby aver and allege as follows:

- 1.-13. For Paragraphs 1-13 of Count II of Plaintiff's Complaint, Plaintiff repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 13 of Count I as more fully set forth therein.
- 14. That Defendant, VITRACOAT AMERICA, INC., is liable to Plaintiff for any and all injuries and property damage sustained by the Plaintiff due to Defendant PAPPAS' negligence while operating his motor vehicle in the scope of his employment with VITRACOAT AMERICA, INC. under the theory of respondeat superior.
- 15. That Plaintiff demand a trial by a jury of Twelve (12) persons.
 WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff, DALE D. WHITE, demands judgment against the
 Defendant, VITRACOAT AMERICA, INC., in an amount in excess of Fifty Thousand Dollars
 (\$50,000.00) plus costs of suit.

	DALE D. WHITE	
STATE OF ILLINOIS)	
COUNTY OF WINNEBAGO) ss)	

Under the penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section 1-109 of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this instrument are true and correct, except as to matters therein stated to be on information and belief and as to such matters the undersigned certifies as aforesaid that they verily believe the same to be true.

DALED. WHITE

Subscribed to and Sworn to before me this 19 h day of Experience, 2021.

Notary Public

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Mark A. Byrd Attorney at Law IARDC 6206618 308 W. State St. Ste. 450 Rockford, IL 61101 (815) 965-5492 Office (815) 964-5395 Fax byrdlaw@comcast.net Cook Co. Atty. # 38336

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Business Details

Business Name: VITRACOAT AMERICA, INC. Business ID: 2008052700721

Entity Type: Foreign For-Profit Corporation Business Status: Active

Creation Date: 05/23/2008 Inactive Date:

Principal Office Address: 2807 Marina Dr., Elkhart, IN, 46514, USA Expiration Date: Perpetual

Business Entity Report Due 05/31/2022 Jurisdiction of Formation: Delaware

Date:

Original Formation Date: 09/05/2000 Years Due: 2022/2023

Governing Person Information

Title Address Name

Vice President LUIS MOUSSALI 2807 Marina Drive, Elkhart, IN, 46514, USA President EDUARDO MOUSSALI 2807 Marina Drive, Elkhart, IN, 46514, USA Vice President 2807 Marina Dr., Elkhart, IN, 46514, USA Luis Moussali

Registered Agent Information

Type: Business Commercial Registered Agent Name: CORPORATION SERVICE COMPANY

Address: 135 North Pennsylvania Street, Suite 1610, Indianapolis, IN, 46204, USA

 From:
 Gustin, Courtney

 To:
 "Mark Byrd"

 Subject:
 RE: White v. Pappas

Date: Monday, February 14, 2022 3:45:00 PM

Hi Mark,

Thank you for the updated information. Unfortunately I am not sure how case value will impact whether the lawsuit gets bumped to Arbitration. Although I have experience with Judge Flanagan, the Arbitration procedure for Law Division is new.

I look forward to hearing from you tomorrow.

Sincerely,

Courtney

K. Courtney Gustin

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Good Afternoon Ms. Gustin,

Just an update my client brought his initial Answers to Interrogatories and Request to Produce to my office this morning (Rough will need some work) as well as all past medical records and bills. I was mislead on the amount of medical specials for past medical. Those actually total \$94,220.10 excluding future medical and for the cost of dental implants. Do you think the amount of actual damages puts us out of the Arbitration issue or do you think the Judge will want us to still go through that. I'm ok with it either way just checking based on your prior experience with her.

I will contact you in the morning to discuss what you want included in the email to Judge Flanagan and to send you a copy of the proposed CMO.

Thanks and have a Great Day!

Mark A. Byrd

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